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The cartoons and sketches in the fair paper last evening were devoted exclu-sively to members of the National Rifles, Messrs. Harrington, Fox, Taylor, Stokes and Magruder being caricatured in an in-

The prize winners last evening were:
Pair of trousers, Mr. Von Lindgren of the
C. A. C.; fancy vest, Emil Shaffer of the C.
A. C.; pictures, Messrs. T. O. Varnell and
W. A. Domer and Mrs. E. S. Fallon; jewelry was J. A. Butley, boxes of perdy elry case, J. A. Butler; boxes of candy, Lee B. Mosher and L. J. Barber. In addition to the booths already mentioned, a picture stand has been estab-lished, under the direction of Miss Stella Johnson and Mrs. Beamer, who are working as hard as any one connected with the fair to add to the receipts.

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The Morton Cadets, under Capt. Shilling, together with Maj. Wilson and his staff of the third battalion, D. C. N. G., will be the guests of the Fencibles this evening. The latter company has been ordered to assemble at 8 o'clock for the purpose of escorting the visitors from the National Guard armory to the fair. WATER AND GAS

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The next meeting of the board of trade will be one week from tonight, at the Builders' Exchange, when the principal topic for consideration will be the water supply, as

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Session of the Baltimore M. E. Conference Tomorrow.

CHANGES IN SOME LOCAL CHURCHE

The Bacon Resolutions as Explain ed by One Who Favors Them.

LAY REPRESENTATIO

Not for a long time has such interest been shown in an annual meeting of the Baltimore conference as is the case with the session which will begin tomorrow in Baltimore. In addition to the widespread attention manifested in the Bacon resolu tions, there will be fifteen vacant pastorates to be filled by the bishop, whereas in an ordinary year there are hardly ever more than a half dozen. The vacancies by districts are as follows: Washington district, three by the time limit and one new church; Baltimore district, two by the time limit; East Baltimore, three by the time limit; West Baltimore district, four by the time limit, and Frederick district, on by the time limit and one by contemplate transfer to another conference. The changes here to be made by the ex-

piration of the five-year limit are those a Hamline, Rev. Elbert S. Todd, D.D., pastor; McKendree, Rev. L. T. Widerman, D.D., pastor, aid Gorsuch, Rev. James H. M. Lemon, pastor. In Baltimore there are three of the largest churches, namely, Grace, Rev. Dr. Richard Harcourt, pastor; Ernadway Rev. Henry S. France, Pastor; Grace, Rev. Dr. Richard Harcourt, pastor: Broadway, Rev. Henry S. France, pastor; and Strawbridge. A desirable pulpit in the city is that of the new church at Dupont Circle, St. Paul's, which was organized less than a year ago by members of Metropolitan Church. As to Hamiine, everything was uncertain up until a week or so ago, but the officers think they have fixed on a preacher who will exactly suit them and preacher who will exactly suit them, and now all depends on the bishop. The gentleman in question is the Rev. Dr. C. E. Mandeville, paster of Union Avenue Church, Chicago. Not much is known in this city about Dr. Mandeville, but he is described as being a man of fine presence, in the prime being a man of fine presence, in the prime of life, and one particularly a favorite among the young people. In his Chicago church, which is slightly larger in membership than Hamline, he has an Epworth League chapter numbering more than 700 members. Rev. Dr. Todd, the retiring pastor of Hamline, will be located, it is believed, as pastor of Strawbridge Church, Baltimore, as a request has been made that he be sent there.

McKendree and Gorsuch. McKendree is after Rev. H. R. Naylor, D.D., formerly presiding elder of this district, and now pastor of a large church in Baltimore. The quarterly conference of McKendree has decided to ask for him, and as Dr. Naylor desires to come to Washington, and the committee from Mc-Kendree has been instructed to use its ut-

Kendree has been instructed to use its utmost endeavors to obtain him, it looks as if Dr. Naylor will soon be heard again in a Washington pulpit. Dr. Widerman, the retiring minister, has not informed anybody as to where he expects to be sent, but it is understood that a church within the conference, though which it is is not known, has asked for his services.

The remaining church made to lose its pastor by expiration of the five-year limit is Gorsuch, located in Southwest Washington, and having Rev. J. H. M. Lemon as the preacher. In making appointments it is usually the custom for the smaller churches to leave the question of a pastor for them entirely in the hands of the bishop and the presiding elder, and this is the case of Gorsuch, though it has been said the case of Gorsuch, though it has been said the congregation has its eyes on a suitable man. Dr. Lemon, the retiring pastor, states that he does not know where he expects to go, but rumor has it that he may retire from the ministry in a year or so, particularly if he is assigned to work elsewhere, since his interests are all con-

elsewhere, since his interests are all con-nected with Washington.

If St. Paul's, at Dupont Circle, is allowed her choice, this city will be the gainer by the addition of one of the most promising young men in the Methodist ministry. The committee to go to conference has instruc-tions to ask for the appointment as pastor of Rev. Stowell L. Bryant, minister in charge of the church at Lutherville, Balty. of Hev. Stowell L. Bryant, minister in charge of the church at Lutherville, Baltimore county, Md. Mr. Bryant is a native of Ohio, and received his academic education at Delaware College, and his theological training at Boston University. His first charge was as assistant to Dr. Townsend, at Mt. Vernon Church, and his second at Lutherville, where he has been only a year. year. Some time ago it was thought very likely

Some time ago it was thought very likely that the split in the congregation of Trinity Church would result in Rev. Dr. Martin F. B. Rice being ousted, but the chances are now said to be all in favor of his retention. Two committees representing the two factions will go to Baltimore and present each their side of the case to the bishop. The one which will do all in their power for Mr. Rice is composed of the following named: T. B. Stahl, Rev. Richard Emmons, F. A. Belt, Joseph Webb, W. J. Palmer, W. F. Dove, J. T. D. Pyles and M. Otterback. In any case efforts are M. Otterback. In any case efforts are being made looking to the prevention of any trouble at the conference, and both parties are acting toward each other in a

spirit of friendliness. Lay Electoral Conference.

In the general conference the laymen have a representation from each conference, and so this year what is called the lay electoral conference will meet in quadrennial session and select delegates to the body. The delegates from the local churches are as follows: Apacettic L.H. Delegates and scores who have left our ministry because of what they regard harsh ecclesiastical domination.

"Our conference at its approaching session and scores who have left our ministry because of what they regard harsh ecclesiastical domination. delegates from the local churches are as follows: Anacostia, J. H. Dony; Douglas follows: Anacostia, J. H. Dony; Douglas Memorial, C. A. Pike; Dumbarton, John T. Mitchell; Fifteenth Street, Dr. N. B. Shade; Fletcher, M. Birckhead; Foundry, E. F. Simpson; Gorsuch, W. R. Hunt; Grace, Charles Roller; Hamline, G. W. F. Swartzell; McKendree, Dr. Thos. C. Smith; Metropolitan, A. B. Duvall; St. Paul's, Fred. E. Tasker; North Capitol, Rev. John E. Evans; Ryland, Geo. E. Barber; Trinity, R. W. Dunn; Tenleytown, John Simpson; W. Dunn; Tenleytown, John Simpson; Union, Alex. Ashley; Waugh, S. H. Walker; Wesley, J. S. Barker, and Tweifth Street, C. A. Williams. It is very likely that one of these gentlemen will be selected to represent Washington, and the choice is thought to lie between A. B. Duvall, G. W. F. Swertzell and Alexander Ashler. F. Swartzell and Alexander Ashley.

The presiding officer of the conference will be Bishop Henry W. Warren, whose residence is in Denver, Col.

The Bacon Resolutions.

The consideration of the Bacon resolutions, as stated above, will perhaps furnish the theme of the most important discussion which has ever taken place in the Baitimore conference. As is well known, these resolutions were offered at the annual conference by Rev. Geo. C. Bacon of Hagerstown, Md., and were referred to a commit-tee, to be reported at the coming session. In an address delivered a few weeks ago before the Methodist Preachers' Association of this city Rev. Dr. Luther T. Townsend, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Place Church, Baltimore, who is recognized as one of the leaders of the party in favor of the adop-tion of the resolutions, made an address. In the course of his remarks he spoke of the Bacon resolutions as follows:
"We all recognize the fact that our "We all recognize the fact that our

church polity is essentially a monarchy, at least it is such, as compared with any of the various forms of congregationalism, and yet I confess under certain conditions and in the hands of consecrated men, our and in the hands of consecrated men, our church government may be not only the most effective, but also the most beneficial of any existing church polity, just as a limited or even an absolute monarchy, under certain conditions, is a better form of government for some people than either a representative republic or a pure democrates. "Now, as you notice, each of these reso-

lutions before us proposes a change in the direction of less monarchy and more

democracy.

"The first resclution favors the admission of laymon into the annual conference. This manifestly is a move in the direction of more democracy by transferring a certain amount of power from the clergy to the laity.

"The second resolution favors the election of presiding elders by the annual conforence; this likewise is a move in the direction of more democracy, by limiting the power of the bishops and transferring it to the membership of the conference "The third resolution likewise places"

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further restriction upon the authority of the bishop, giving to the majority of pre-siding elders the right of making appointments with the veto power in the hands of the bishop, or giving to the bishop the right of making appointments with the veto power vested in the hands of the majority of the presiding elders.

Views of Clergymen. "Allow me to say also that I have hundreds of letters in my possession from Methodist clergymen in different parts of the country expressing very pronounced diseatisfaction with the undemocratic char-

"Our conference at its approaching session may not choose to act on the second of the three resolutions, but be assured our Methodist ministry at large will not rest until such action shall be taken.
"Our thoughtful preachers can see no valid reason, and no valid reason can be given, why the ministers and laymen of the conference should have no voice, except the humble and often unavailing right of petition, in the selection of those who are to govern the affairs of the District. Is it not a matter of simple justice that are to govern the affairs of the District. Is it not a matter of simple justice that if we are to have presiding elders at all they should be elected by the joint vote of the laymen and preachers of the several districts which they are to serve? The charge would diminish the political importance of 'the elder,' would introduce the democratic element into our church management where it is thought to be much agement, where it is thought to be much needed, and would remove one cause at least of dissatisfaction that asheres to our present polity. We have now considered two reasons why we should act favorably upon the resolutions before us. First, because the changes contemplated are in harmony with the genius of our civil government and the spirit of the age. Second, because there is a growing dissatisfaction among our thoughtful laymen and ministers, in consequence of our present undemocratic

polity. Convention of Laymen.

"This brings us to the third reason why ve cannot disregard these resolutions and see, upon wise and sufficient reasons.
"The resolutions presented at our last annual conference are essentially a peti-

ticn. Those resolutions were strongly approved by many of the prominent members of the conference, and though not finally acted upon for want of time, were referred to a special committee of seven to report to the next session of our Baltimore conference.
"But what I wish especially in this connection to call attention to is the conven-tion of laymen that convened in Baltimore June 21, which was composed of representatives from a large number of

quarterly conferences or official boards in quarterly conferences or official boards in conference.

"Those delegates, representing eighty-one pastoral charges, had been duly chosen by their respective official boards at the suggestion of the District stewards, who originally had been called together for consultation and to bring the matter before the laymen of the church.
"Great harmony and unanimity prevailed,

and after due consideration resolutions were adopted almost unanimously by the three hundred delegates present favoring lay representation in the annual conference."

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